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The Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) Access to Justice Commission Self-Represented Litigation (SRL) Committee, in conjunction with the Louisiana District Judges Association, hosted the Self-Represented Litigant Service Provider Summit on Jan. 31 at the Jackson Barracks in St Bernard Parish. From left, Joanna S. Laidler, LSBA Access to Justice projects counsel; Judge Patricia E. Koch, 9th JDC, Louisiana District Judges Association SRL Committee chair; Judge Scott U. Schlegel, 24th JDC; Jennifer B. Eagan, Louisiana Supreme Court; and Judge Jeffrey C. Cash, 21st JDC, Access to Justice Commission SRL Committee chair.

Self-Represented Litigant Service Provider Summit 2020 conducted Jan. 31

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The SRL Committee has hosted three summits across Louisiana. The first two summits were in Lafayette and Natchitoches. By providing training and resources to courts and organizations serving self-represented parties across the state, the SRL Committee has assisted courts and access to justice partners serve the public more effectively.

The St. Bernard Summit was an all-day event attended by 61 service providers, including judges, judicial administrators, Judge Advocate General's Corps, legal aid partners and non-profit organizations. The programming was primarily designed to

teach stakeholders about the resources and programs available to help self-represented litigants in southeast Louisiana. Topics included self-help center best practices, new technologies for increasing access to justice, domestic violence, veterans, statewide services and more. The summit was also used as an opportunity to discuss changes that can be made to the current civil justice system to better assist self-represented litigants and to help courts run more efficiently. The summit also facilitated networking opportunities and communication among local and statewide service providers.

The Access to Justice Commission acknowledges the speakers and the hard work and generosity of the Jackson Barracks and Judge Jeanne Nunez Juneau from the 34th Judicial District Court. Based on the positive feedback, the SRL Committee will host another summit this year in another Louisiana location. 📍



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CLE participants receive training on ethics and capacity

The Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) Legal Services for Persons with Disabilities Committee hosted a follow-up CLE program focusing on the ethical implications for working with people with disabilities, including guidelines for establishing whether a client has capacity to instruct.

Dayna M. Ryan of Theus, Grisham, Davis & Leigh, L.L.C, presented the training on Jan. 16, conducted as part of the LSBA's Midyear Meeting programming. 📍



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